

YMCA precedents in program innovation to meet the changing needs of children, teens, and families in local communities.

The YMCA has become the largest non-profit provider of after school child care that supports working families with the care, education, and recreation for their children after school and during school holidays. The San Antonio YMCA child care system has been recognized as a model by the Texas Legislature.

Mr. Crutsinger has been honored as one of San Antonio's outstanding creative minds for leadership in the development of programs for children and his advocacy for youth. His charitable career has resulted in the creation of three major branch YMCAs, and the expansion of program services and partnerships to serve over 61,000 members and program participants.

Together, with 900 staff and over 5,000 volunteer members in the YMCA movement, Mr. Crutsinger developed the teams and resources to deliver before and after school Y School age summer day camp sites; two residential camping sites; and nine Y Teen sites in this ten-county region; and all in the effort to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities today and tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Larry Crutsinger for his hard work and dedication to the YMCA and the people it has served over the years, and my distinct pleasure to wish him the best in his retirement.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MRS. AUDREY LOTT ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Audrey Lott is an incredibly bright woman whose life reflects both the spirit and struggles experienced by African-Americans in the United States. This Saturday, October 18, Mrs. Lott will celebrate her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Lott is the granddaughter of a former slave who was a messenger for General Grant in the Civil War. Mrs. Lott grew up in Washington, DC and attended pharmacology school while in her 20's. For a time, she worked for Simmons Pharmacy at 21st & L Streets in Washington. She left her job after a few years to stay at home and care for her mother. After her mother passed, Mrs. Lott worked as a housekeeper. In fact, Mr. Speaker, she once served tea to Mrs. Bess Truman and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. In the early 1960's, Mrs. Lott moved to Tiffin, Ohio, which is in my congressional district. Her son, Grant C. Taylor, soon followed.

Mrs. Lott and her family have sacrificed much but contributed greatly to the United States. Mrs. Lott is a grand, intelligent lady, an avid reader of a variety of fiction, and a dear, true friend to many. It is in that spirit that I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Mrs. Audrey Lott on the occasion of her 100th birthday celebration. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Mrs. Lott, who care about their well being and stability. We wish her all the best as we pay tribute to one of our nation's finest citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF FRANCOISE POINSATTE

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Francoise Poinsatte, a member of Boulder City Council, as she retires in November from her seat on the Council. I would like to thank her for the many contributions she has made to ensure that the City of Boulder remains a very special place to live.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Francoise received her teaching license in French and Fine Arts from the University of Colorado. She has taught in public schools in the Boulder Valley and in Jefferson and Douglas counties. She has been a member of the Transportation Advisory Board from 1993 to 1994, and has served on the Regional Transportation Task Force from 1997 to 1998.

Elected in 1999, at a time when the City of Boulder faced many challenges, Francoise tackled the issues of economic stability in declining budgetary times. Partnering with other council members, Francoise was able to increase the city's financial reserves from two to fourteen percent to prepare for unexpected financial crises.

As a former teacher, Poinsatte fought to support and expand strong educational and human service programs in the city, while keeping a close eye on the costs and quality of the services provided to the community. She has advocated for social and economic diversity, affordable housing, and improved facilities for the homeless.

Francoise's ongoing commitment to a healthy environment for Boulder's citizens made her a leader on alternative transportation options in the area, which included bike paths, walking trails, well-planned bus routes and citizen-friendly transportation plans. She has contributed to the vitality of downtown Boulder by her dedication to reducing traffic congestion, air pollution, and fuel consumption. Her city has recently been recognized nationally as one of the best workplaces for commuters.

Boulder is also known for being one of the most environmentally friendly cities in the United States, and Francoise and her colleagues on the Council enhanced this reputation through investment in additional open space, recycling programs, and a strong citizen education program. As a member of the Boulder Urban Renewal Authority, she has helped oversee plans for the development of the new St. Julien Hotel at 9th and Canyon, as well as the rejuvenation of Crossroads Mall.

With a keen sense of citizen responsibility and a talent for blending her past experience with a desire to serve the public good, Francoise Poinsatte has been an outstanding member of the Boulder City Council and city government. I ask my colleagues to join me in praising her public service, and I wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CARL D. ASHLEY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer condolences to the family of my good friend Carl D. Ashley. Carl was indeed a role model a good provider, a good husband, a good father, grandfather, uncle, a good friend to all of those who needed a friend, a good citizen and a great American.

Mr. Speaker, as I listened to speaker after speaker at the funeral testify and extol the virtues of Carl, I sat in amazement, young lawyers, doctors and other successful young people talked about the impact Carl had on their lives. He was not a professional teacher and yet he taught, he was not a psychologist and yet he gave counsel, he was not a clergyman and yet he preached a great gospel. He was a lover of people and he displayed that love each and every day of his life.

I met Carl in the early 1960's when we both worked at the post office, a job from which Carl retired. While we did not see each other on a regular basis our friendship maintained itself and bloomed. Carl married a great lady and they were able to raise a wonderful family, taught to achieve, accomplish and to be actively engaged in all aspects of life, including politics, Carl was a judge of election and took his politics seriously.

I extend heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Carl D. Ashley and thank God for having been able to know him and to see firsthand his efforts to help make the world a better place in which to live. Carl served his country in Vietnam and continued to serve until his death. May his soul rest in peace.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month and in commemoration of the over five hundred years that America has been enriched by Hispanic culture. This year, from September 15th to October 15th, we have the opportunity to honor the myriad contributions the 37 million people of Hispanic origin currently living in the United States have made to our great country, and we have the responsibility and pleasure of recognizing and remembering the many gifts of Hispanic Americans.

An exemplar of the contributions to the culture of our society made by Hispanic Americans is Celia Cruz, the "Queen of Salsa" who passed away this July in her home in Fort Lee, New Jersey which is located in my Congressional District. Born in Havana, Cuba, Celia Cruz fled to the United States to free herself from the brutal dictatorship of Fidel Castro. With a genuine love of life and passion for family and friends, Celia Cruz represented the true spirit of Hispanic Americans through her music.

Hispanic Americans comprise 14 percent of the total U.S. population and have contributed